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Book selection: how it's done

Contrary to what many people believe, even the largest libraries don't purchase every book published. A library the size of the Morton Grove Public Library purchases only a fraction of the 50,000 books published each year. How do we decide which ones to buy? In addition to specific books requested by patrons, the library staff selects books from over a dozen review sources. Decisions are based on the needs and interests of the community, the intended audience of the book, the amount of information already available on the subject, and a variety of other factors.

In an effort to improve the book selection process, the Morton Grove Public Library is currently developing a formal collection development policy which will clearly outline the composition of the current collection, document how and why it was built up the way it was, establish parameters for future development, and serve as a continuing guide for librarians who are selecting materials for the collection. We will be identifying those areas of the collection that adequately meet patrons' needs, and those that perhaps need some improvement, either in terms of number of books or currency of information.

The process began in December with a detailed statistical analysis of the collection. The Library's computer system provides us with counts of the number of books owned in over 100 specific subject

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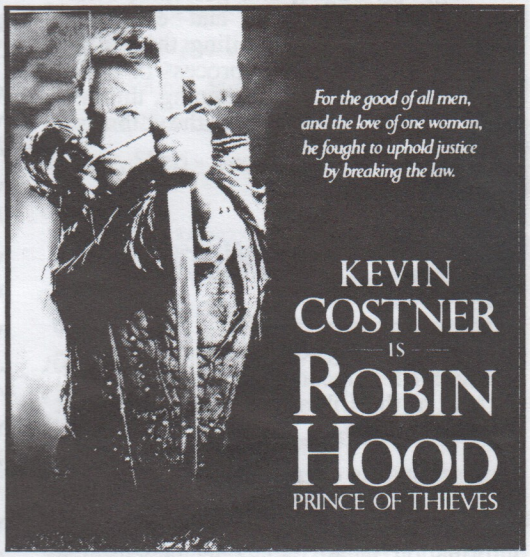
The Library will close at 5:00 on Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, and will be closed all day New Year's Day.

Happy New Year!

Winter films: Robin Hood *and* The Fisher King

Two fine films will brighten our winter days at the Library. ***Robin Hood - Prince of Thieves***, starring Kevin Costner, will be shown on Monday, January 13 at 2:30 and 7:30.



An authentic "swashbuckler", the film tells the medieval story of the legendary Robin Hood, the formation of his band of daring men, and his ferocious battle with the despicable Sheriff of Nottingham.

On Monday, February 10, the magical film, ***The Fisher King***, will be shown at 2:30 and 7:30. Starring Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges in Oscar-caliber performances, this poignant comedy tells of two men who go on an amazing quest for love and redemption, for friendship and forgiveness on the streets of New York City.

Robin Hood is rated PG-13 and ***The Fisher King*** is rated R. Admission is free for both films.

Hepburn biography

At long last there is a book on Katharine Hepburn written by Katharine Hepburn. Entitled ***Me - Stories of My Life***, this new book will be reviewed by Barbara Todd on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:00 and repeated on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2:00.

This candid, witty memoir recounts episodes in the actress's childhood, in her roller-coaster career, and in her very private life, including her long-time romance with Spencer Tracy. Come and hear this unforgettable portrait of Katharine Hepburn.

The life of Mary Todd Lincoln

History will come to life when Donna Daniels presents her portrait of ***Mary Todd Lincoln: Her Last Years*** on Sunday, February 9, at 2:00.

With her husband, Max, portraying Abraham Lincoln, Ms. Daniels presented *An Evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln* at the Library last February to an enthusiastic response. This year, Donna, in full costume, will enact the tragic 17 years of Mary Lincoln's widowhood, including her trial for insanity in 1875.

Donna and Max Daniels have an extensive background in community theatre and have made a specialty of performing as the Lincolns all over Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa. They spend the entire month of February visiting schools as President and Mrs. Lincoln, talking about their lives, politics, and the Civil War.

Mary Todd Lincoln is an original play, geared toward upper grade students and adults. Everyone is invited to learn and be entertained by this piece of historical drama.

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areas, along with extensive data on how much each subject area is used (how often the items are checked out). With this data, library staff will then develop specific selection guidelines for each subject area to ensure that patron's needs are being met.

As a direct result of this project, library staff will be able to more accurately guide the growth and development of the collection in response to the needs of the Library's clientele. In addition to the actual policy itself, much will be gained from the policy development process - meeting, researching and gathering information, analyzing data and evaluating ideas, and, finally, compiling the written policy. Since the entire process of building a better collection is ongoing, this will be a continuing focus for the Library's staff.

Voter's registration seminar

A special training session for voters' registration for the upcoming election year will be held at the Library on Thurs. Jan. 9 at 10:00 a.m.

This seminar is open to any organizations or agencies in Morton Grove who will be registering voters in 1992. For further information, please call Colleen Gleason at 312-443-5196.

Children's Department receives Keats grant

The Children's Dept. is pleased to have been awarded a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, which is designed to instill a love of literature in children and to foster literacy and creativity. The grant will be used to present a **Children's Circus of Books,** a fun-filled family activity in April. "Patches, the Clown" will be featured, along with a juggler, games, refreshments, and a circus atmosphere. Children will find that books can be as much fun as a circus. More information will be given in the next issue of *Info*.

From the Reference Room

Have you ever wondered what types of questions are posed to us here in the Morton Grove Public Library Reference Dept.? The following are samples of just a few of the unique and different types of questions that we encounter on a day-to-day basis. We have provided you with the question and, in keeping with the definition of reference, have referred you to the appropriate sources in which you can find the answer to these fun questions.

Where can one go hot-air ballooning? Check the yellow pages of local telephone directories.

Which is more common in U.S. households: microwaves or dishwashers? *Statistical Abstract of the U.S.*

George Sand was a pseudonym for what 19th century French author? *Pseudonyms and Personal Nicknames.*

What is the history of the card deck? *Encyclopedia Americana.*

What is the Polish word for horseradish? *English-Polish Dictionary.*

What are the 10 largest cities in New Jersey? *Rand McNally Commercial Atlas.*

What was the date of the 1990 Illinois Democratic Convention? *Chicago Tribune Index.*

What does an opossum eat, as there is one stuck in my garbage can? *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia.*

What were the winning numbers in the Florida lottery on 11/2/91? *USA Today* (11/04/91)

We look forward to seeing you in the Reference Dept. Remember, no matter how basic or obscure your question, we will pursue it until we have an answer for you. Keep challenging us!

Also, remember that various tax forms will be available in the Reference Room after Jan. 1. A special Tax Preparation Seminar will be held at the Library in March. IRS representatives will discuss preparing tax returns and will provide individual help. Watch for further details in the March *Info*.

In the Baxter Room...

Travelogues

A tour of **Great Britain** will be presented at the January travelogue on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Scotland and London will be featured as well as an "informative" film on British pubs.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, the exotic city of **Singapore** will be visited. Sajid Hanifa from the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board will present four films on his city and will hold a short discussion with the audience.

Both travelogues will be shown at 11:30 and 7:30.

Lunchtime Movies

The acclaimed film series, ***The Ascent of Man***, will be featured at Lunchtime Movies during January and February. Written and narrated by scientist-philosopher Dr. Jacob Bronowski, the films tell the story of the cultural and biological development of mankind.

The series was originally produced for the BBC by Time-Life Films. It will be shown at Lunchtime Movies through May.

Short Stories

The Short Stories series will continue on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00. Barbara Todd will feature classic and contemporary stories in this story-telling series.

Photography Exhibit

The Morton Grove Public Library will host a special photography exhibit by Morton Grove resident **Steven Thill**, who passed away in November.

Steven loved photography and always dreamed of exhibiting his work. Two of his friends, Wayne Hildner and Ed Odyniec, are preparing examples of his work for exhibit in the Baxter Room during the month of February.

Steven was a student at Southern Illinois University and his sister, Pamela, formerly worked at the Morton Grove Library. His photographs may be seen throughout February during regular library hours.

The following groups meet regularly at the library:

Agoraphobia – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Citizens for Legal Responsibility – 4th Tues., 7:00
Morton Grove Lioness Club – 4th Monday, 7:00
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Children's creative writing

For the past 18 years, the Morton Grove Public Library has conducted a Creative Writing class which is unique in the north suburban area. Starting in 1973 with 7 students, we now have more than 90 students who are divided into two classes.

These students are encouraged to stretch their imaginations through writing. Joan Gross, Head of Children's Services, conducts the classes, providing the students with interesting topics, correcting their spelling, and helping them improve their grammar and composition skills.

At the end of each 8-week session, the students receive colorful booklets which include their typed and illustrated stories. Parents have told us that they keep these booklets as treasured mementos for many years.

The Library offers Creative Writing classes because writing encourages reading. Reading challenging books helps students develop their writing style and build their vocabulary.

Registration for the Spring session of Creative Writing will begin March 9, 1992.

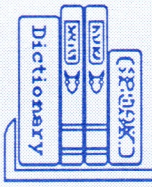
Memorial video gift

The family of Daniel Jensen, who died in an automobile accident in 1991, has generously donated a collection of children's videos to the Library in his memory. The videos include holiday stories, children's classics and contemporary films.

Reading programs

Race Car Rally
Race Car Rally, the school-year-long reading program for 1st through 6th graders, is now in full swing, but it is not too late to join in the fun. Each reader is placed on a team representing a dream car. Scoring for books read begins January 2, and the winning team and individual high readers will be given a party in May after the contest ends. For more information, inquire at the Children's Desk.

Battle of the Books
The Battle of the Books reading contest for 7th and 8th graders will begin in early February. Teams from area schools will compete on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:00. For more information, contact Mrs. Rund in the Children's Department.



What's New in the Adult Department

Non-Fiction

Abrams, Malcolm - ***More Future Stuff - Over 250 Inventions That Will Change Your Life By 2001***

Applegate, Dr. Liz - ***Power Foods - High-Performance Nutrition For High-Performance People***

Begoun, Paula - ***Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me - An Eye-Opening Guide to Brand-Name Cosmetics***

Brown, Dee - ***Wondrous Times on the Frontier - The Lighter Side of Truth in American History***

Caputo, Philip - ***Means of Escape - A Memoir***

Colson, Chuck - ***Why America Doesn't Work - How the Decline of the Work Ethic Is Hurting Your Family and Future - and What You Can Do***

Conover, Ted - ***Whiteout - Lost in Aspen***

Costello, Peter - ***The Real World of Sherlock Holmes - The True Crimes Investigated by Arthur Conan Doyle***

Davis, William - ***Jefferson Davis - The Man and His Hour***

Giuliano, Geoffrey - ***Blackbird - The Life and Times of Paul McCartney***

Hassrick, Peter - ***Frederic Remington***

Lazarus, Edward - ***Black Hills, White Justice - The Sioux Nation Versus the United States - 1775 to the Present***

Martin, Renee & Don - ***The Survival Guide For Women - Single, Married, Divorced - Protecting Your Future***

Mapp, Alf - ***Thomas Jefferson - Passionate Pilgrim***

Michener, James - ***The World Is My Home - A Memoir***

Orenstein, Ronald, Ed. - ***Elephants - The Deciding Decade***

Ray, James Earl - ***Who Killed Martin Luther King?***

Robbins, Jhan - ***Inka, Dinka Doo - The Life of Jimmy Durante***

Taub, Eric - ***Taurus - The Making of the Car That Saved Ford***

Weisse, Dr. Allen - ***The Man's Guide to Good Health***

Fiction

Allen, Charlotte Vale - ***Running Away***

Atwood, Margaret - ***Wilderness Tips - Short Stories***

Ballard, J.G. - ***The Kindness of Women***

Brooks, Terry - ***Hook: a Novel***

Brown, Larry - ***Joe***

Cahill, Mary - ***Carpool***

Cleary, Jon - ***Pride's Harvest***

Gidel, Daronna - ***Ceremony of Innocence***

Gordimer, Nadine - ***Jump - And Other Stories***

Jance, J.A. - ***Hour of the Hunter***

Maggach, Deborah - ***The Stand-In***

Miss Read - ***Friends at Thrush Green***

See, Carolyn - ***Making History***

Spinrad, Norman - ***Russian Spring***

Tepper, Sheri - ***Beauty***

Videos

Backdraft
City Slickers
Fantasia
FX2
Godfather III
Only the Lonely
Robin Hood - Prince of Thieves
Silence of the Lambs
Soapdish
V.I. Warshawski

Epilepsy (series of 4 videos)
A Lesson with Leadbetter (golf)
Scenic Wonders of America: American West
Scenic Wonders of America: Atlantic Vistas
Talking with David Frost: Ted Turner
Talking with David Frost: Margaret Thatcher

Compact Discs

The Chieftans - ***The Bells of Dublin***
Tchaikovsky - ***Symphony #6***
Berio - ***Sinfonia***
Horowitz the Poet (Schubert, Schumann)
Bernstein - ***Candide***
Mozart - ***Piano Concertos #20-27***
Benoit, David - ***Shadows***
Your Hit Parade: The 50's
Bartok - ***The Wooden Prince***
Metheny, Pat - ***Letter From Home***
Placido Domingo & Itzhak Perlman Together

Calendar of Events

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			New Year's Day Library Closed 1	2	3	4
5	Children's Classes Begin 6	Lunchtime Movies: ***The Ascent of Man*** 7 11:30	8	Voters. Reg. Seminar 10 a.m. Library Bd. Mtg. 9 7:45	**Book Discussion** 10:00 10	11
12	Feature Film: ***Robin Hood*** 2:30 & 7:30 13	Travelog: ***Great Britain*** 11:30 & 7:30 14	15	16	17	18
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February

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Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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